

Teacher accents value of teamwork

A local teacher recently produced a half-hour cable show, plus public service announcements, focusing on how parents and teachers can work together for better education.

Margaret Culver, a teacher at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, was the producer of "Extra Credit," a project she started while employed by the Berkley School District.

The program is co-sponsored by the Berkley Education Association and the Berkley PTA Council. It receives additional support from the Michigan Education Association and the Oakland County Cable Communications Corp.

"Most stories about education stress the negative," Culver said. "This is a story about an independent, positive educational effort. It is

about teachers, parents, students and local media celebrities working together to help improve student success and prevent drop-outs.

"It is about how people volunteered time and effort over a two-year period to accomplish their goal."

THE PROGRAM premiered in early May and was followed by an

awards ceremony for the cast and crew of the show. According to Culver, more than 100 requests for program copies have been received from across Michigan.

In addition, Channel 58 has expressed interest in cooperatively producing an educational series based on the "Extra Credit" program, Culver said.

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The half-hour program stars disc jockey Tom Ryan and television producer Tom DeLisle. The remainder of the cast was composed of Berkley parents, teachers and students.

"Extra Credit" topics offer advice to parents of early elementary through high school level students. They include:

- "The Importance of Reading Aloud."
- "Different Studying Styles,"
- and
- "How to Make a Family Outing

an Educational Experience."

CULVER IS a special education teacher, holding a double master's degree in reading and learning disabilities from Oakland University.

She also has an education specialist degree from Wayne State University in instructional technology, with emphasis on educational videos.

She is the public relations chair for the Farmington Education Association. In Berkley, she was the first person awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Berkley Education Association.

road watch

Last September, residents of Farmington Hills approved a \$7 million bond issue designed for major road improvements. Road work has already begun and plans call for repairs and improvements to continue throughout the city for the next two years.

This, of course, will cause motorists some inconvenience as major roads are blocked off and normal driving routes are detoured. The end results, however, will be less congestion, better traffic capacity and im-

proved road safety in the community. It's called progress, and the city asks for your patience and understanding through this road improvement plan of action.

Roads currently under construction:

- 13 Mile Road between Halsted and Haggerty is completely closed so that Consumers Power can lower a gas main. The project should be completed by Sept. 1.
- Halsted Road from 12 to 14 Mile Road is closed to through traf-

fic. The city is currently installing a storm sewer and removing some trees and brush in anticipation of road paving. The entire project should be completed by Oct. 1.

- 12 Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Road remains completely closed to through traffic for bridge construction west of Inkster Road. 12 Mile should be reopened by Sept. 1.
- 13 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake has been under construction. Improvements are nearly completed

and the road is open to all traffic.

For further information on local road construction, call the Farmington Hills Engineering office, 473-9590, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This column, scheduled to run through the summer, will regularly provide Farmington Hills residents with an update of road construction in the city. It is compiled by the Department of Special Services.

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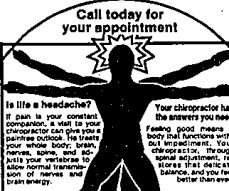
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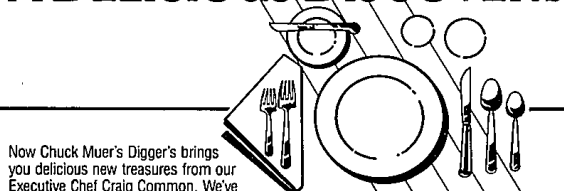
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